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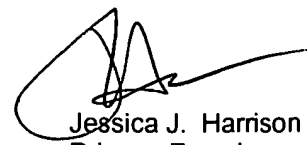
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All claims are allowable. However, this application contains claims which conflict with the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,885,158, now involved in a reexamination proceeding.

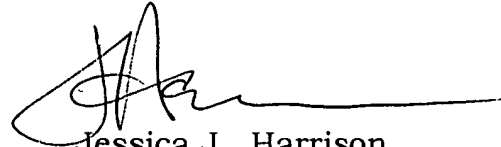
Prosecution in this application is SUSPENDED until termination of the reexamination proceeding.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica J. Harrison whose telephone number is 703-308-2217. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F during business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Hughes can be reached on 703-308-1806. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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